



FOR THE MOST PART, THE BATTLE AGAINST ... OWLHOOT TERROR IN THE OLD WEST WAS CARRIED OUT TO THE TUNE OF BARKING SIXTURES AND POUNDING FISTS. BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER WEAPON AND THE BRAVEST OF MEN CRINGED TO SEE IT IN THE HANDS OF A MASTER. THIS WAS THE DEADLY

# Whiplash

MA







WE'LL BURY HIM UNDER THEY TREE
FINISH AN' LET'S GIT GOIN' BACK TUM
THUM TOWN. I THINK WE KIN DO
SOME BUSINESS DOWN AT
THUM LAND OFFICE. I KNOW
A LIEUTENANT DOWN THAT.

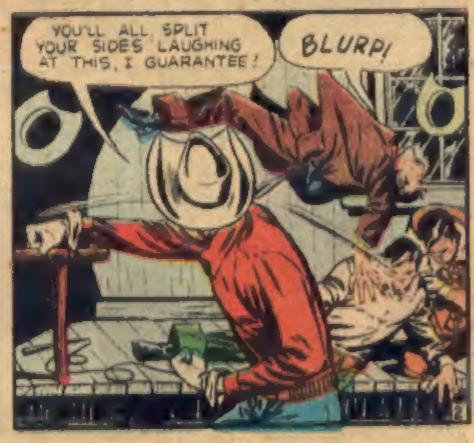


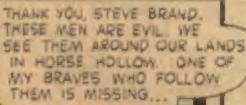














THAT IS WHY I WHY, THAT'S CONNE TO WHITE IMPOSSIBLE CHIEF FLEET MAN'S VILLAGE FOOT! HORSE TODAY, I THINK BAD ONES PLAN HOLLOW BE-EVIL. I FEAR THEY WANT TAKE LONGS TO THE CHEYENNE MORE OF OUR BY SACRED LAND





YOU AND THE CHIEF ARE MISTAKEN, BRAND, HORSE HOLLOW BELONGS TO WHIP SLADE — ALWAYS

THAT CAN'T BE! THAT
TITLE IS A FORGERY!
.. COLONEL, WILL YOU
COME IN HERE AND





NEVER! WE NOT GIVE UP LAND WE KNOW IS OURS! WE WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH! I HAVE



YUM HEARD WHUT
THET INJUN SAID!
I WANT FULL
PERTECTION
FROM THE U.S.
ARMY!

WELL, SIRIS THE ARMY
GOING TO
WAR FOR
THAT
LAND-HOG?

NO CHOICE, STEVE. WE'RE
OUTY BOUND TO PROTECT
THE LEGAL PROPERTY
OF ANY CITIZEN WHO'S
THREATENED. I'LL HAVE
TO SEND MY TROOP
INTO HORSE HOLLOW—
MUCH AS I DISLIKE
THAT SNEAK, SLADE!





I'M DEAD SURE THAT
SLADE'S TITLE IS A
FORGERY-BUT I CAN'T
PROVE IT... WAIT! MAYBE
I CAN! QUICK - THE
TELEGRAPH OFFICE!



NEXT MORNING ... AT HORSE HOLLOW!

THE LONG
KNIVES RIDE
THIS WAY
CHIEF FLEET
FOOT!

WE FOUND BODY OF RED
DEER, GREAT CHIEF-BURIED
IN THE HOLLOW- AND AROUND
HIS NECK, MARKS OF A
WHITE MAN'S WHIP!

THEN-TO AVENGE OUR
BROTHER AND TO DEFEND
OUR LAND-ATTACK!
I AM AN OLD MAN, BUT
ONCE MORE I LEAD THE
GREAT CHEVENNE TO
BATTLE FOR HONOR!



HERE THEY COME, THAT IT IS! PULL PLANTALINA, COLONEL! THIS IS SABRES! SABRES! LET'S GO!

But, suppenly-across the Plains A Horseman comes Riding! It is THE DURANGO KID — FEARLESSLY CUTTING IN BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES!







BLAZES! THAT'S GOOD NEWS!
THIS WAS ONE BATTLE I SURE
DIDN'T LIKE GOING INTO! MY
APOLOGIES, CHIEF - I'M JUST A
DUMB SOLDIER TRYING TO
DO HIS DUTY!



TOO, COLONEL! OUR BROTHER,
RED DEER, HAS BEEN SLAIN —
AND AROUND HIS NECK YOU
CAN SEE THE MARKS OF THE
EVIL SLADE'S WHIP!

BUT WE RIDE FOR VENGEANCE

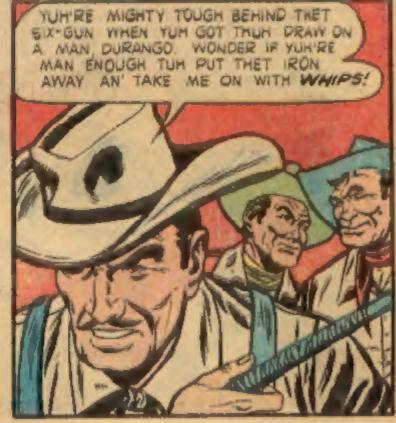


DURANGO'S WORD IS HONEST AND THE CHEYENNE HAS MUCH FAITH IN HIM. LET IT BE AS DURANGO SAYS. LET THERE

































LULLABY OF A SIX-GUN SONG THAT SANG ITS CRASHING DIRGE FROM DAWN TO DUSK! IT

STEVE BRAND TOPHAND EXTRAORD-INARY, AND HIS SIDEKICK, MULEY PIKE ARE DRIFTING SOUTH ...

"Write the Law in Gunsmoke!"



RIGHT! WHATTCHA SAY WOULDN'T MIND SLEEP. STEVIE? HOW ABOUT ING IN A GOOD BED HIDIN' YORE HORSE RAIDER, AN' YORE DURANGO OUTFIT IN THEM ROCKY MYSELF FOR A HILLS OVER THAR-AN CHANGE GIT US INTUH TOWN DKAY, PARD-FER A SPELL? BEEN NER -LIVIN' OFF THUH RANGE YOU SOLD NIGH ONTO TWO WEEKS WE!



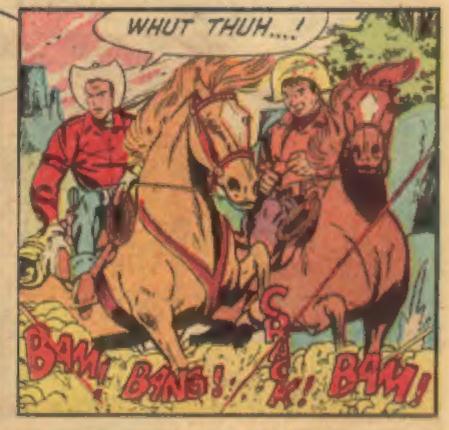
RAIDER AND DURANGO KID EQUIPMENT ARE CAREFULLY HIDDEN IN A CAVE...

LET'S GO! HOW ABOUT I'M GOING MAKING ME A PROMISE, STEVIE? TO SINK MYSELF LET'S JUST BE TWO DRIFTIN SADDLE NTO A HOT BATH. TRAMPS - NO FIRST THING! MORE. NO FIGHT-- WHITUN ON , WI JEST RESTIN'

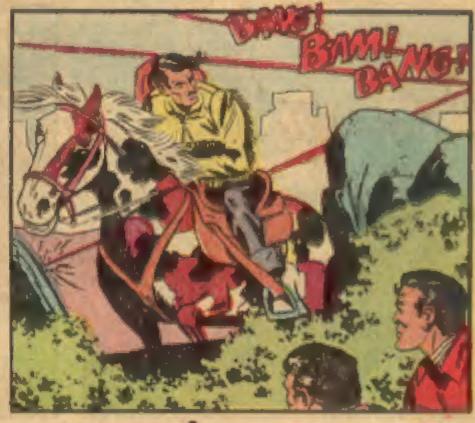
WE'LL PLAY HOOKEY FROM OWLHOOT- BUSTING AND SIMPLY ENJOY OURSELVES!

GONNA HAVE US A VACATION! GONNA HAVE US A WONDERFUL









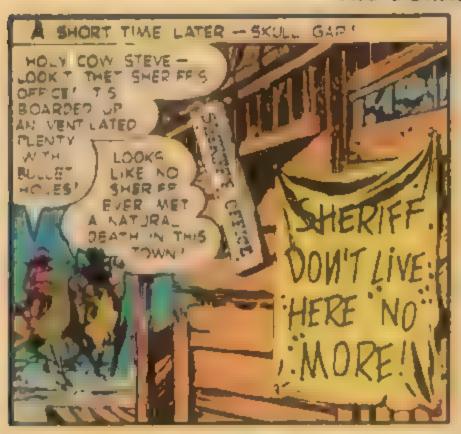


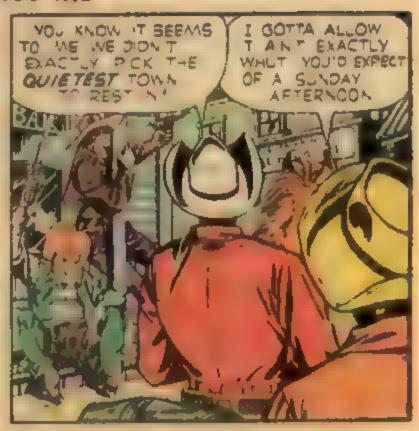
AW, STEVIE, YUH PROMISED! YUH, PROMISED NO FIGHTIN-NO SHOOT-IN - NO NUTHIN! IF THET HOMBRE IS BEIN CHASED OUTA TOWN.
THAT MUST BE A DURN GOOD REASON! LET'S MIND OUR



WELL-I GUESS I DID PROMISE. OKAY, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! WHISTLE FOR THOSE SPOOKED BRONCS AND LET'S GO! ... SKULL GAD, HERE WE COME!































THE SIMMONS - FATHER O' THIS HERE
YOUNG LADY YUN PERTECTED, I'M
THANK N' YUN - AS CHARMAN O'OUR
SECRET CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FER
LAW AN' ORDER'



MINGO'S THUR BIGGEST RANCHER IN THESE PARTS. OWNED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT - AT LEAST, 'TILL
THUH GOVERNMENT OPENED UP THIS
STRIP FER SETTL N HM AN HS
HIRED GUNNIES ARE TERRORIZIN'
THUH WHOLE COUNTRY



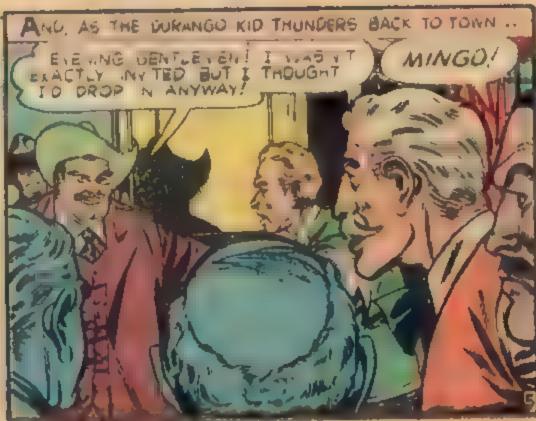
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THEY NEED A STRANG
MAN TUH LEAD EM ...









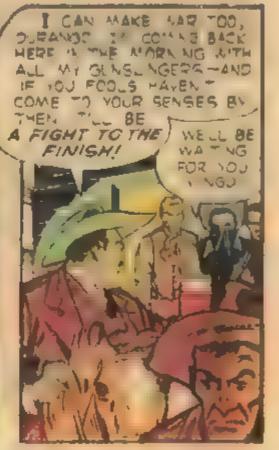


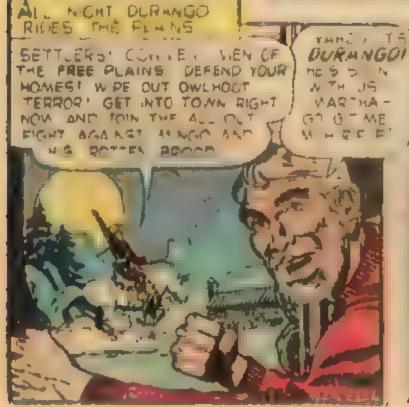


























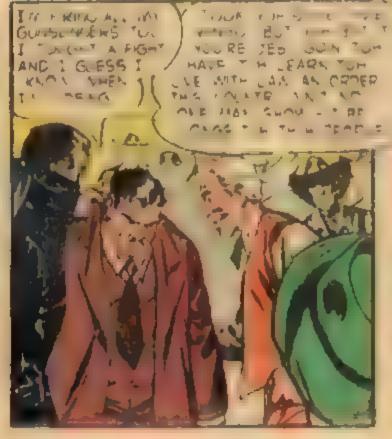




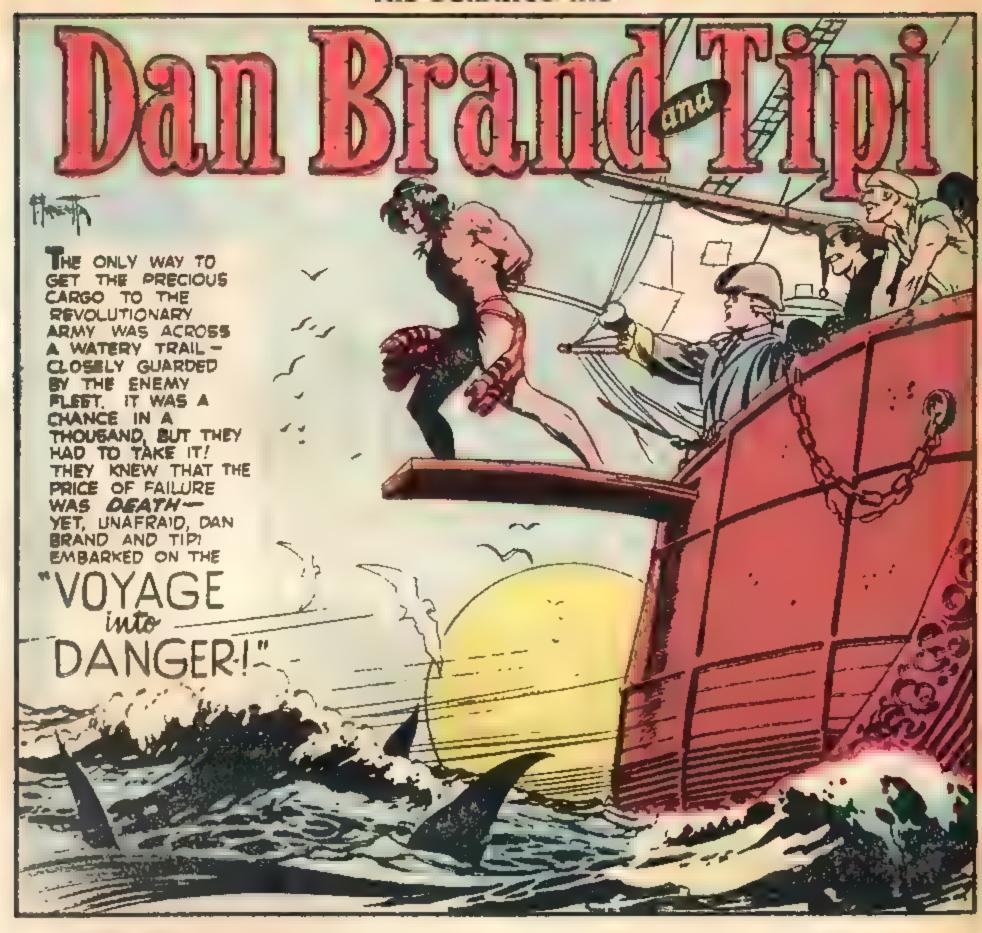






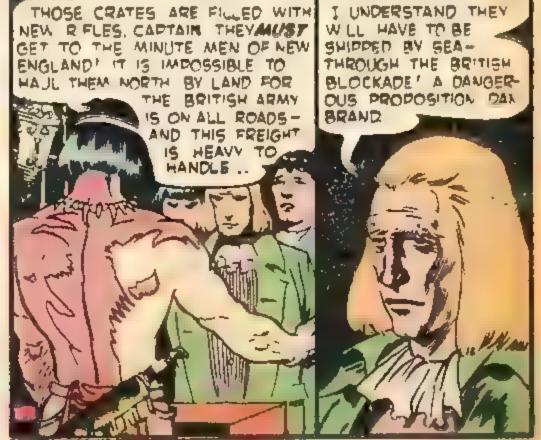






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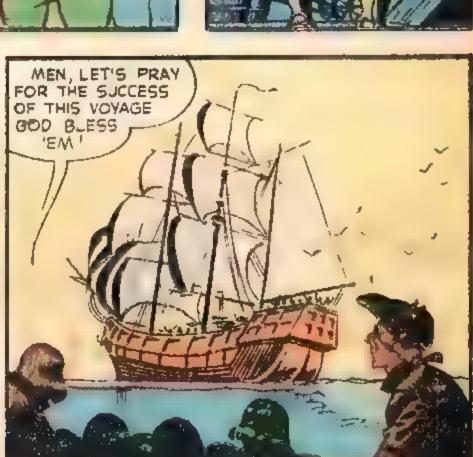


I'VE FACED DEATH BE-

YOU'RE A BRAYE MAN,







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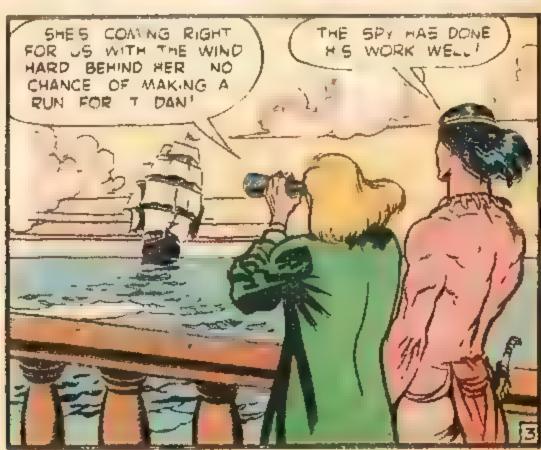
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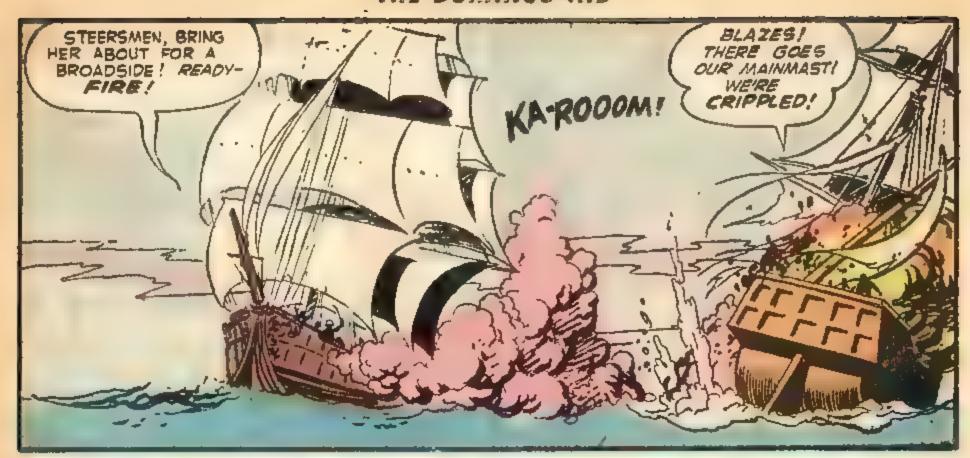
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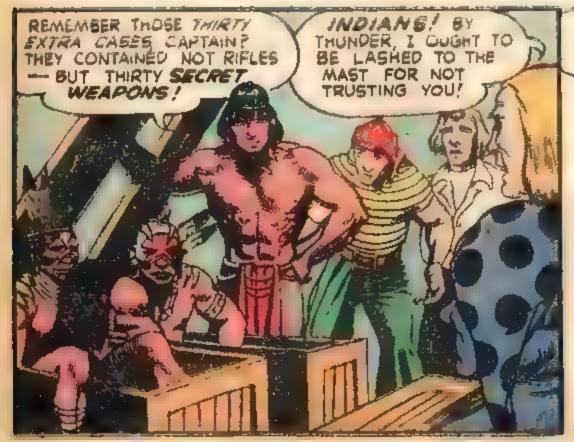








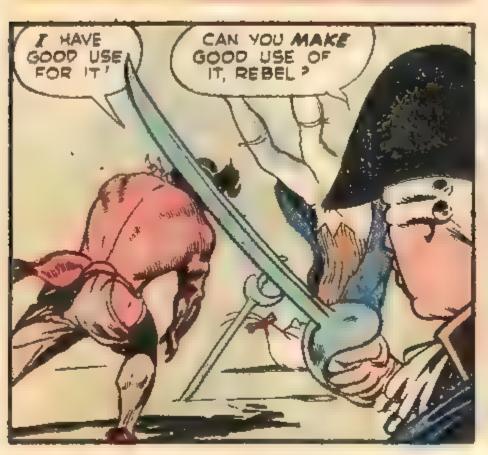


































THE THIN PLUME of smoke lifted upward from the red sandstone bluff. The man crou hed in the shadows of a pinon warched it with narrowed eyes. His tongue time out to lick at his fire lips, as cold terror ran its way down his spine heneath the faded blue size. They have her total use dry Neu Me, co air. On the war trail, and me with a dead horse—and no bullet for my gun!

He had been out prospecting in the Dragoons hunting gold. He had a few nuggets in a leather bag at his waist enough to make his trip into these mountains well worth white it he could make it back to the post—with his scalp still, on his head!

Zeke Gibbons shool his taures head wrinkles of worry furrowing his forchead. Without a horse without a gain to high his way out of a trap his chances of saving that really were almost not Gibbons had seen what Apaches did to the men they a ghille had seen other and seen other ahings even less pretty than what was left of the men after the fire had burned its way out.

He set out at a slow trot along the narrow trail that looped around the mesaland. He carried a rifle in his right hand a rifle whose chamber and magazine were empty. At his right side hung a long hunting knife in a fringed sheath. If I can keep out of sight, maybe I an make it

The sin poured lown with terrific fury. It slid over the wide brim of his soft has to best down on his thousders it was an exhausting weight on his back. It slowed his feet and numbed his muscles.

Gibbons came to a bend in the trail. Tenter helow the trail went on It he could get down to that lower trail he would save himself hours of the But he would make himself a nume target against the ky for keen Apa ne eyes.

He shrugged and went to lo knee / make it or / your he told ho self. He lag the long blade of his knife into the once so; and dug with a toe at a protruding took

Midway down the fale of the cliff he heard the yell

It froze his bood for it came from deep in the bells and u ut ared out from a throbbing. Apacite throat comething came and whine I high overhead and then he heard the flat du report of a Witchester runding across the flats.

the se seen me Gibbon grand te

hreath on the empty air He i mid read at that breath for 1 and ing And Hen he felt and trock under his mor axis and transpered himself to the edge

He ran into the app oaching dusk with long stendes, moving steadily downward toward the flats. He was planning ahead knowing the Apaches would be coming for him hight was only two hour lasts. It was dry and cool at night a good time to trust once he was off the mesa.

Gibbons found a tiny spring and lay on his helly drinking carefully storing , the matthew against the county disk to He rolled over and lay on his bire limp latting his must'es ease Overhead he could see the start come winking out bright in the hard

near of the sky. He wondered sully if he would see those stars tomorrow night

When he fest relieshed he west trotting unto he flats but ewhere out behind him in the backness it in my the sorol and the sage the Apaches were coming swiftly and steadily on the ponces Gibbons knew he has one advantage on foot he would not foom high up against the horizon as he would it he had been mounted By taking how tage of the cactus and occidio running from clump to clump so that he merged with the ridenser chadows he might make it

Now as he fir he could hear the drimer grant. They is git not attack hitting that it he Apartes like most other to aleit tought of hight believing that the jit who come to guide them to the hopey a long grands light no had them to the brockness were they killed But it they braned he had no but lets for the life he come?

Gobous pat that thought away from his,

He are apon the wago, an hour after and get It will knoked its charred abs knowledge a dull ted showing here and there where the bre linguised

of the two todes on the ground. The Apaches has aught these men early vester-day had arrived hemselves with tortare for son, their their had hied the wagon, and run, in the torses.

He made for the wreckage and tound bus k to the the soft of the stoking wagon Caretonly he far the not black char over for each and face, turning the as black a the orghoromy hom Then he to k new and tresher bits of char and tubbed it over his shirt and trousers.

the less thing on the ground "They If

He butted for bullets, but the Apache year of had been thorough. They had taken rifles and bullets food and clothing.

C boos ran on

It was an hour before dawn when the Apache found him Gibbons was looking for a windfull or cave in which to spend the daytime hour. As he hanted, a geim figure fore apout of the night reining it abruptly.

The thought came to tubbons, even as he went all his feet at the Apache, that the redskin was more surprise to see him than Gitbons was to find the Apache barring his path He was a short stocky brave with wide shoulders that betrayed terr he physical strength. A red flannel headband ran about his dank black hair. High mocassins reached almost to his knees. His thighs were bare

The Apache grunted as Gibbons camined

into hin driving his head goatlike, torward into the Apacle's bully. With a gutthral "Whoot the Apache him hed backwards."

ground His fingers went for the greasy throat, tangling in the long hair He gulped in a langful of air and his hingers found

their grip and tightened

The Apache writhed, clawing at those iron fingers, trying to tip them free to as to scream for help from his fellow tribesmen who were even then hunting for this man who sought his life. But there was managal strength in Zeke Gibbons in these down hears. He was tighting not only to stay allow but to keep himself from the fortures that had rule the name of Apache a dread one if the American southwest.

There was a dry rattling sounding in his throat He shock spasmodically and his arms test away. He say there as Gibbons held his grip for another minute until he was positive that the man under him was dead.

Then he got to his kneed, ripped loose the bandoller of brass carriedges and lifted the

carb ne the Apache had fropped

He caugh the Apache pony after a short chase, out did not mount him Grasping the tope backamore he led him at a walk across the flats. If I get up on him, those other braves may see me. If I let him go they'll maybe had him, hunt for their missing it end and then come hottooting it after me."

The first pink tints of dawn bound Gibhins flodding across a sandy plain fifteen fisher from the trading post. He harted to look behind him. The red sandstone bruffs loomed right in the distance.

Gibbors graved even though the effort hart in dry p. Now et 'en catch nel' He swang onto the pury and kicked at its

ribs

bresh the wity little branc began to run Gibbons let him go for a mile then pulled him in to a slower pace. No feed to blaze daylight. Those Pache devils will have run up and down all light, trying to hid me. They're in no shape to catch you I've saved you for these last tew miles. If they show, you can run your fool head off!

Foward noon, he saw the Apacles trailing him, intes to the rear life shook the reins and like tough pony really ran Gibbons aughed as only a man can laugh who has touched death's rold hinguis and lived to

remember it

Two miles away he could see the log walls of the post. The Apaches would never get him now. He was safe.

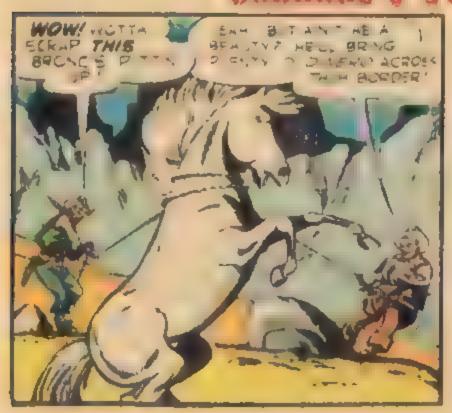
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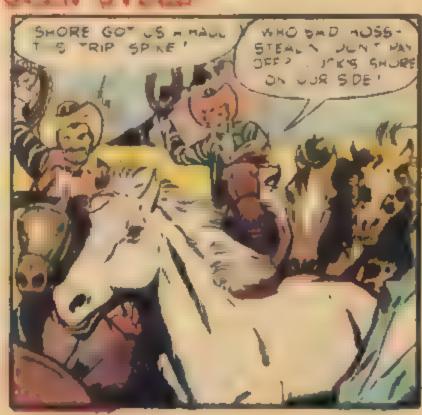
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#### "Dukakadors stoled stefat"













HOLD T WALEA LOOK-WERE TOO

OMIGOSH! THUH SHER FF AN A POSSE! THEY GOT THUH HOSS THEVES RAIDER, 100!



STAY FAR AWAY FROM RADER, MULEY! HE'LL RECOGNIZE US AND GVE US AWAY! HOWDY SHERIFF-FINE CATCH YOU'VE GOT THERE

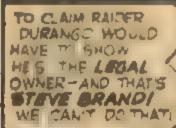


SHORE -S WHAT'S STEVE' KOTCHED GOING TO BE DONE TWO HOSS WITH THOSE THEVES AN STOLEN WHUTS MORE-WE GOT HORSES SHERIFF ?



ACCORD N' TUN LAW STEVE ANYBODY WHO KIN PROVE OWNER. SHIP K N HAVE H S

#### THE DURAMED KID



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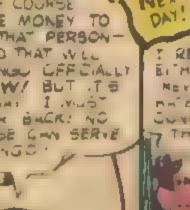
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RIGHT OF COURSE WE'LL LEAVE MONEY TO RE MBURSE THAT PERSON-BUT EVEN SO THAT IV LL MALE DURANGE OFF CIALLY AN DUTLAW! BUT ITS THE CHUT VINT I VILLET OTHER HURSE CHN SERVE



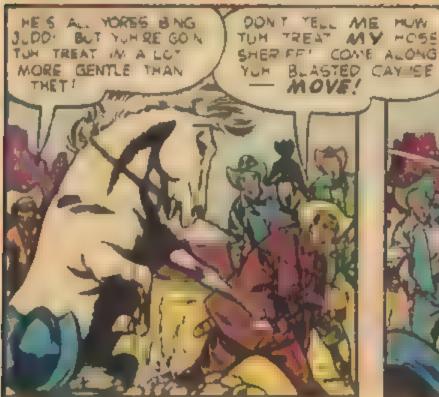


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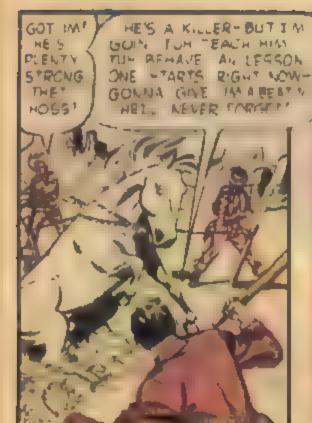




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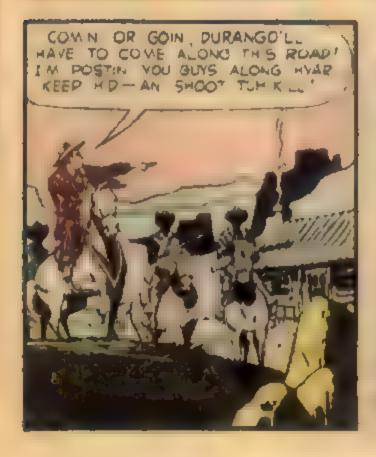


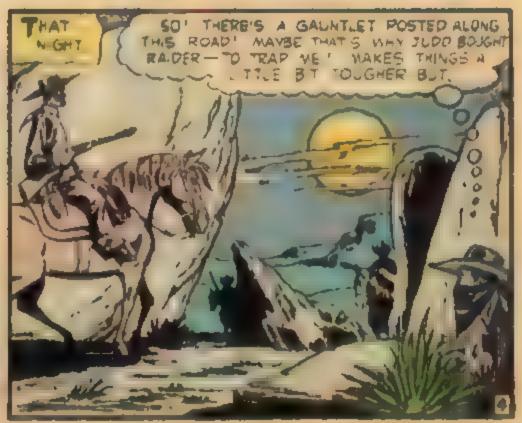


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DURANGO' DURANGO S







#### THE DURANGO'XID

THIS THEE WILL DO! LUCKY
I'VE TRAINED RAIDER FOR
JUST SUCH SITUATIONS AS
THESE, I'LL GIVE THE BIROCALL AND THEN I'LL HAVE TO
LEAVE IT TO RAIDER TO
DO THE REST!























ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO - THIS SETTLES WHAT I OWE YOU FOR TRYING TO MURDER DURANGO! ...AH, AND HERE COMES RAIDER BACK AGAIN - LEAD THAT BUNCH CLEAR IN A CIRCLE!...GOOD BOY!







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